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Mr. Dave Lewis, Site Manager  
Sherwin-Williams Chemical Company  
East Highway 16  
Hillsboro, IL 62049

Dear Mr. Lewis:

On September 22 and November 19, 1981, and March 23, 1982, Engineer Timothy R. Kluge representing this Agency conducted surveys of your plant site in Hillsboro, Illinois. You and Mr. Rich Mulcahy were contacted during the March 23 visit; Mr. Pete Meehan was contacted on September 22 and March 23. Based on these surveys and a review of our files, the following apparent violations of the Illinois Environmental Protection Act or the Illinois Pollution Control Board Rules and Regulations, Chapter 3, "Water Pollution", are noted:

1. Runoff from the plant site, discharging from a pond near the west edge of the site, was found to cause or contribute to violations of the water quality standards for iron, lead, zinc, and copper based on November 19 sampling, and standards for iron and zinc based on March 23 sampling, in violation of Rule 203(f) of Chapter 3 and Section 12(a) of the Act. Sample results are attached for your reference.
2. The pond on your plant site and the unnamed stream tributary to the Middle Fork of Shoal Creek, downstream of the pond, contained orange colored deposits, apparently the result of precipitated iron compounds, in violation of Rule 203(a) of Chapter 3 and Section 12(a) of the Act.
3. Zinc smelting residue (zinc clinker) is present on the plant site so as to constitute a water pollution hazard, in violation of Section 12(d) of the Act.

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The above apparent violations should be corrected as soon as possible. You were previously notified by this Agency's Division of Land Pollution Control of similar water quality violations. A copy of that letter is enclosed.

In an effort to assist you in developing a program to correct these violations, we suggest that a meeting be scheduled to discuss possible solutions. Should you agree that such a meeting is desirable, please contact this office to schedule a date.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, feel free to contact this office at any time.

Very truly yours,

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY



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Division of Water Pollution Control

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Enclosures

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